

Whyte Avenue bar has been fined \$20,000 for overcrowding

It is the fifth time Squires, located at 10505 82 Ave., has been fined. The bar has a limit of 282 people, and on March 20 they squeezed 369 patrons into the building.

Squires' previous convictions and associated fines include:

May 20, 2004 \$4,000 August 19, 2004 \$5,000 March 24, 2005 \$8,000 (appealed and the fine was varied to \$11,000) March 17, 2007 \$15,000

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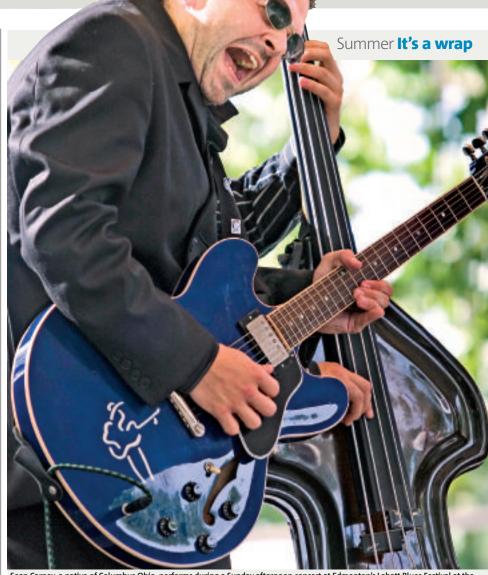
Journalist kidnapped



Sisters take it to dance floor



A Games to remember



Sean Carney, a native of Columbus Ohio, performs during a Sunday afternoon concert at Edmonton's Labatt Blues Festival at the Heritage Amphitheatre in Hawrelak Park. With the wrap of the Blues fest and the Fringe yesterday Edmonton once again bid goodbye to summer festival season. More coverage, page 3.

RCMP hunt

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EVANSBURG A Bonnie-and-Clyde rampage has police on the lookout for a couple who last week supposedly stole and wrecked a number of cars and trucks and sent at least two people to hospital.

The saga began early Thursday morning when a hitchhiker got a ride in Spruce Grove, just west of Edmonton, from a couple in a 2007 Ford F-250, Evansburg RCMP said in a release.

The vehicle began to swerve, and then rolled. Everyone in tha car was hurt, but only the hitcher sought medical help.

The couple hobbled off, and 30 minutes later, allegedly stole a flatbed truck in Entwistle and crashed again, this time head-on into a sedan. The owner of the flatbed, who had been chasing his truck, caught up to the couple at this point and, for his trouble, was hurt so badly he was sent to hospital. The couple then escaped

in a stolen Jeep Liberty with a front vanity plate that says, "GRRR."

The Jeep's rear licence is YHL 991.

Bonnie and Clyde were a pair of bandits who robbed banks in the 1930s and gained a cult following. They died in a hail of police

Warrant issued in Hobbema

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After a string of five murders and a \$50,000 posted bounty, RCMP in Hobbema have issued an arrest warrant for one of the suspected killers.

A Canada-wide warrant for Darrel Ernest Baptiste has been sworn in connection with the Aug. 2 murder of Dale Deschamps.

Samson First Nation

Chief Marvin Yellowbird Baptiste.

declared last week that a \$10,000 reward would be given to anyone who provided information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the

five separate mur- Darrel Ernest in the vio- Baptiste lence-plagued area.

Officials say the cash offering was not a factor in the tip that led RCMP to

Dechamps' less body was found the Samson Townsite on Aug. 2. RCMP have been tight-lipped about how he died, but reports indicate he was beaten

death. The troubled com-

munity, about 100 south of Edmonton, has fallen deeper into an eerie code of silence as

the murder rate has risen, prompting reward offer.

Officials warn not to approach Baptiste. He is described as a 19-year-old Aboriginal male, five-footeight, 180 pounds, with short black hair and brown eyes, and is a wellknown gang associate.

Just over a week ago, 20year-old Delena Lefthand Dixon was fatally shot as a hail of bullets ripped through her Hobbema home around midnight

on Aug. 16

Billy Buffalo, a 16-yearold with gang ties, was gunned down on the small reserve on July 27. Jonathan Lee Saddleback was murdered on Feb. 17, and Leon Michael Cattleman was murdered on Oct. 10, 2005. Both bodies were found on the Samson Townsite. The fifth victim, Michael Cattle-man, was killed Oct. 10,

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More hunting and fishing licences to be available online

The province is increasing on-line availability of recreational hunting and fishing licences. Starting Wednesday, wildlife certificates, bird licences, pheasant licences and bowhunting permits will be available for online purchase. Go to www.mywildalberta.com and click on the AlbertaRelm link. METRO EDMONTON

Local



Blast into the past

The Reynolds-Alberta Museum is inviting one and all to come experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a blast into the past. On Aug 30 and 31, visitors are invited to come and view over 40 eces of vintage farm equipment and to learn how to bake focaccia bread and cinnamon buns. Admission for this special event is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children. For more information, visit www.reynoldsalbertamuseum.com.

Suspects take wrong turn

ARRESTS Shots rang out in a north-end neighbourhood in the wee hours of Saturday morning, and before police could track down the shooters, they drove right into the officers' waiting handcuffs in front of the police station.

Shortly after 3 a.m., police were called to Clareview Road, where witnesses said shots were fired between a motorcycle and a black SUV.

Minutes after officers were dispatched, the black SUV was spotted directly in front of the North Division Station

Three women and two men in the vehicle were arrested and taken into custody

No charges have been laid in the case, and police have yet to find the motorcyclist involved in the shooting.

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Mason Lupul, 5, left, and Dylan Swan, 5 examine a Snow Leopard pelt at a display for Creatures In Crisis at the Valley Zoo, yesterday.

Zoo educates young on animals in crisis

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Creatures of the world are in crisis, and Edmonton's Valley Zoo is doing its part to ensure that future generations keep up the fight to keep them alive.

Yesterday, dozens of visitors took advantage of one of the zoo's Zoofari education series', Creatures in Crisis: On the Edge of Extinction.

'What we try to do is not only provide an education opportunity, but a lot of fun," said Valley Zoo spokesman Tyler Pollock.

The zoo's Species Survival program has been hailed for its remarkable progress in sustaining a "The sooner we can empower children and families, the sooner we'll make an impact for these animals."

Tyler Pollock

number of species, which include the snow leopard, red panda and the red fox.

"We can learn which animals are related to each other and their origin and history so the species can be propagated and we can introduce them back into the wild," Pollock said.

A pair of red pandas at the zoo have recently become parents to twins. The pro-

the species and reintroduce them into the wild, a feat that Pollock says is happening, as there are less than 2,500 red pandas in the wild.

Kids and parents took part in hands-on encounters with animals, an experience Pollock says is essential to realize the value of creatures in crisis.

"When we can educate kids at an early age, there's a probability that they'll retain that information and pass it on," Pollock said. "I think for too long, things have been slipping from both an animal and habitat perspective. The sooner we can empower children and families, the sooner we'll make an impact for these animals."

LRT Service Interruptions

From Corona Station to Health Sciences Station August 27 to September 1

Replacement shuttle bus service will operate between Churchill and Health Sciences station during the LRT closures. Buses stop at all bus stops along Jasper Avenue between 100 Street and Corona station. Buses will run every 5 minutes on Saturday (10am to 6pm) and Monday (8am to 6pm) and every 7-8 minutes at all other times.

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Hobbema still on right track in changing community: Expert

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Community leaders are still making the right moves in ridding Hobbema's streets of gangs, despite the Aug. 16 shooting death of a 20year-old mother, says a national youth gang expert.

Michael Chettleburgh, a crime prevention officer and author of Young Thugs: Inside the Dangerous World of Canadian Street Gangs, says Samson Cree First Nation leaders are making all the right steps in changing the community by issuing a \$50,000 reward to help police solve five recent gang-related homicides this year

And with a three-month gun amnesty now in effect in Hobbema, Chettleburgh says progress will be made, but it will take a while before the community begins to see less violence on the streets.

Chettleburgh also credited Mounties in the troubled reserve by telling gangsters

"police are not their rivals." "Good gang units across North America are those that recognize they need to work with gang members,' said Chettleburgh

Hobbema RCMP have also cleaned up close to 30 homes that were used as gang hide-outs since 23month-old Asia Saddleback was wounded in her home after a gang-related drive-by shooting three months ago.

Police say there are close 13 known gangs in

New leader for Western troops

The soldiers in Western Canada had better snap to,

right now, because they've got a new boss.

A new commander for all army troops from Thunder Bay to the Pacific Ocean was welcomed to his new position with a military parade at Steele Gen. Mike Barracks at the Ed-Jorgenson monton Garrison on Friday.

Gen. Mike Jorgenson assumed command of the Land Force Western Area, taking over from Gen. Kelly Woiden, who will resume his role as Deputy Commander of Land Force West-

The Land Force Western Area is one of four zoned military areas in the country, and with 13,000 employees and a huge area of responsibility, is larger than all but five countries in the United Nations.

Gen. Jorgenson will also assume the command position of Joint Task Force West.

Gen. Jorgenson has served in the Canadian Army since 1980, and is taking command of the busiest and largest military area in the COUNTRY. VICTORIA HANDYSIDES/ METRO EDMONTON



What's online toda

Watch closing ceremonies flag-bearer Karen Cockburn reflect on her Olympic experience and the praise team Canada is receiving for exceeding expectations **Read** about issues facing those seeking permanent resident status in Guidy Mamann's immigration

Lotteries

Friday, Aug. 22

Lotto Super 7 1, 18, 26, 27, 38, 41 & 42.Bonus 4 Saturday, Aug. 23

Lotto 6/49 3, 7, 13, 30, 38 & 46. Bonus 24 These results are not official.

Dragons have a den of their own

City's boating team shows off new quarters at weekend festival

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Edmonton's dragon boat season ended this weekend with paddlers and organizers alike raving about their new riverside home.

Louise McKinney Park has been under construction for several years now and the dragon boaters have had to make do, upriver at temporary quarters.

"The city has gone out of their way to get this site ready," said Warren Becker, vice-president of the Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival Association who said he couldn't be happier with the terraced hill-side location below the Shaw Conference Centre.

The weekend's festival drew teams from as far away as Nova Scotia to paddle beside their competitive cousins from Edmonton



Teams paddle upstream on the North Saskatchewan River near Rafters Landing during morning placement races yesterday for the annual Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival.

In all almost 60 teams competed, paddling 400 metres upriver from the Cloverdale footbridge to a finish line below the conference centre.

Dragon boat racing draws people from both sexes, all walks of life and all ages. Becker, a paddler himself says he joined for the good fellowship as well as the exercise.

Outside of the Edmonton season dragon boat teams often participate in other regattas in Kelowna and Victoria. Becker said Edmonton's river course can be an advantage for local paddlers.

Dragon boaters here

must contend with the current of the North Saskatchewan River.

"Right now it's just a trickle," Becker said, but in the spring it can be tough slogging just to stay even with the churning river. When the teams leave the river current to compete elsewhere it

seems pretty easy.

"When we hit flat water, we do quite well," Becker says modestly.

Anyone interested in dragon boating can contact the Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival Association at 780 493-8158 or visit their website at edbfa.ca.

Good at be blue at Hawrelak Park

MUSIC Charlie Musselwhite sent the Edmonton Blues Fest into orbit last night with a show that didn't show any of his 64 years. The Hawrelak Park amphitheatre was coloured blue as a succession of acts from Downchild and James Cotton culminated with the blues harp and vocal stylings of Musselwhite a legend as a frontman and as a contributor with the likes of Bonnie Raitt and The Blind Boys of Alabama.

Yesterday's lineup began with Ann Rabson, Sean Carney and Pianorama with Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne, David Vest & DK Stewart and Joe Louis Walker. Musselwhite wowed the crowd with everything from standards to the Brazilian-flavoured "Feel It In Your Heart."

Blues fans were well satisfied over the weekend, though some were miffed about preferential treatment for smokers of the sweet stuff, who were tolerated on the fringes of the venue while tobacco puffers were banished off-site.

Talk about the blues!

Fringe fest a sure sign of summer fun

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The end of the Fringe always feels like the end of summer. It's the city's last major fes-

It's the city's last major festival before all the kids go back to school and all the adults start to take work seriously again. The last chance to get an over-sized, deepfried elephant ear and the last chance to see some great theatre at more than reasonable prices.

And if it truly is the end of summer, what a way to have spent it hanging around Old Strathcona for the past 10

days. I saw some great plays: Our Roots Are Showing, The Movies (Abridged) and Die-Nasty — The Live Improvised Soap Opera that featured Hollywood stars Nathan Fillion and Alan Tudyk. I got to see some good plays: Jumpin' Jack.

And I got to see some plays that needed a little work: Boom. There was great food, plenty of beer and tons of laughs. It's hard to say that I didn't have a successful Fringe, except for one problem.

A friend said to me as I was deciding what plays to take in

"It isn't the fringe until you see someone's junk"

this year, "It isn't the Fringe until you see someone's junk." Mission not accomplished. A glimpse through the program shows plenty of options when looking for nudity but I got my priorities all mixed up and managed to miss it all.

So if you're like me and refuse to let go of summer, maybe the Best of the Fest 2008 will keep the luau going for you, or at the very least, provide you with the nudity that makes any Fringe experience complete.

ence complete.

The holdovers keep showing for five days between August 27 and 31 and tickets are on sale right now.

Four plays were selected this year and they are: House, The Particulars, Mr. Fox, and Rainer Hersch: All Classical Music Explained.

Another quick glance at the program reveals the holdover are all free of nudity. Guess I'll have to come back next year



Anthony Bernard of the Wajjo African Drummers performs yesterday afternoon during the final day of the Fringe festival.

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Soldiers' bodies come home

The bodies of three soldiers who were killed in Afghanistan when a roadside bomb exploded near their armoured vehicle were flown home Saturday, CBC News Online reports. The combat engineers — Sgt. Shawn Eades, Sapper Stephan Stock and Cpl. Dustin Wasden — died last Wednesday in the deadliest attack on Canadian troops this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada



Tories sink ship funding

The federal Conservatives have quietly scuttled the navy's \$2.9-billion project to replace aging supply ships, saying bids from shipbuilders were "significantly" higher than the money allocated for the program. The government has also cancelled a tender for the purchase of 12 mid-shore patrol ships for the coast guard.

Meat recall to cost Maple Leaf \$20M

Canadians are being told to dig through their fridges and freezers for any of the 220 Maple Leaf Foods products the company has recalled after test results linked a plant in north Toronto to a nationwide listeriosis outbreak.

The recall is one of the biggest in Canadian history, federal officials said yesterday.

The full magnitude of the expanded recall became more apparent yesterday as Michael McCain, president and chief executive officer the 100-yearold company, said the recall will cost the company "We had to take the most conservative approach possible." Michael McCain

an estimated \$20-million in refunds to consumers and cleaning up and disinfecting the plant.

"We had to take the most conservative approach possible," McCain said, noting that the move was precautionary and there's no evidence of listeria contamination beyond the production lines originally under investigation. The company,

which has 23,000 employees and sales last year of \$5.2 billion, produces and sells meat under a variety of names including Maple Leaf, Schneiders and Shopsy's. Products from the Toronto plant are distributed nationally.

An official from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said in a conference call last night the recall is "if not the biggest it's probably among the biggest at this point now that the recall has been extended to include all products from one facility. So it is very, very significant."

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Ottawa Partying with Pride



Capital Pride parade participants got down and partied at the wrap of what organizers say might be the biggest Capital Pride Festival ever held in Ottawa. Previous parades in Ottawa have attracted as many as 35,000 people.

Life-jackets tossed off AC Jazz flights

JON TATTRIE for Metro Canada

FLOTATION Air Canada Jazz's decision to toss life-jackets overboard has some passengers worried the airline is putting profit before people.

The carrier says the inflatable life-jackets are "redundant," as the seats act as flotation devices. Jazz spokeswoman Manon Stu-

infant safety

• The airline will still provide life-jackets for infants.

art said cost savings was also a motivation.

"We are certainly within Transport Canada's regulations," she said.

Stuart didn't know if any other airline had dropped life-jackets and wouldn't say how much they expected to save in fuel use. The vests add up to about 25 kilograms on one of their Dash-8 planes.

Transport Canada permits flotation devices, like the seats, instead of lifejackets if the planes fly within 90 kilometres of shore.

All Air Canada Jazz flights fit that requirement.

Abducted journalist was aware of risk, friend says

NEIL MACKINNON

SOMALIA Amanda Lindhout, 27, the Canadian journalist kidnapped in Somalia, talked to a friend eight months ago about the possibility of being kidnapped.

Jeremy Kroeker, who crossed paths with Lindhout in a Damascus Internet cafe last January, said she knew well the dangers inherent in her job.

"I wouldn't say she was ever scared, but I wouldn't say she was fearless either," Kroeker said. "Undaunted might be the best way to put it."

Lindhout, a Calgary-based freelancer, was abducted Saturday along with Australian reporter Nigel Brennan, their Somali driver and two guards 25 kilometres outside of Somalia's capital, Mogadishu.

Man arrested at naked bike ride

VANCOUVER Nudist groups are saying oversensitivity lead to the arrest of a man who brought his three-year-old son along to a Naked Bike Ride.

Greg DePaco and his son were two of about 75 nude cyclists at English Bay Saturday afternoon.

After complaints about there being a naked child in the group, police arrested DePaco. He was released and summoned to appear in court.

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Tropical Storm Julio drenched Mexico's Baja California yesterday and hundreds of residents fled poor neighbourhoods that were in danger of flooding near the popular tourist resort of Los Cabos. REUTERS

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World



Al-Qaida leaders caught

U.S. forces said yesterday they had caught two prominent al-Qaida leaders, including one they blamed for the kidnapping of an American journalist. Ali Rash Nasir Jiyad al-Shammari, known as Abu Tiba, was caught Aug. 17, and Salim Abdallah Ashur al-Shujayri, known as Abu Uthman, was caught Aug. 11.

Democrats preach unity

unity yesterday on the eve of a four-day convention to nominate Barack Obama for the White House, with former rival Hillary Clinton

preparing to urge her disgruntled supporters to back Oba-

More than 4.000 Democratic delegates and tens of thousands of officials, activists, pro- Barack Obama Clinton, will speak testers and journal- Wednesday night.

ists descended on Denver for the formal crowning of Obama as the party's leader and candidate for president.

Anger flared among Clinton supporters when Obama chose Delaware Sen.

Joseph Biden as his running mate Saturday — and apparently never investigated putting her on the ticket

Obama has eased the tension, agreeing to let Clinton have name placed in nomination and giving her a prime-time speaking slot Tuesday.

Her husband, former President Bill

Clinton plans to speak to her delegates Wednesday morning and urge them to support Obama ahead of a roll call vote on the nomination that night, a Democratic Party source said.

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London Notting Hill Carnival welcomes the world



Children dance as they watch the street parade at the annual Notting Hill Carnival in central London yesterday. Organizers said 1.5 million people from around the world were expected to throng to the two-day carnival of colourful processions, thumping sounds and exotic food stalls.

Russians to discuss Georgia

GEORGIA Russian lawmakers will meet today to discuss pleas by Georgian separatists for Moscow to recognize their independence, a move that could stoke tensions with the West over Russia's military intervention in pro-Western Georgia.

RELITERS

Kyrgyz plane crashes, kills 65

KYRGYZSTAN Sixty-five people, including members of a teenage basketball team, died yesterday when a Kyrgyz airliner crashed in a ball of flames shortly after takeoff from the Central Asian state's main airport.

Officials said the plane had 90 people aboard, an unknown number of which were Canadian.

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If 1 million people replaced an eight-kilometre car trip once a week by riding a bike, we could cut CO2 emissions by about 100,000 tons per year, according to The Live Earth: Global Warming Survival Handbook by David de Rothschild. METRO NEWS SERVICES

If the average Canadian household recycled a 90-centime-tre stack of newspapers, it would save the equivalent of 14 per cent of its average household electricity bill, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Recycle those papers

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New science looks at big picture

Attempts to encompass both fundamental understanding, practical applications

Science**Matters**

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f we want to protect an endangered animal such as the woodland caribou, we have to do more than just study the animal in isolation. We must understand how it interacts with its total environment, including its habitat and other animals, as well as humans.

We must then try to determine the best possible conditions for it to live in healthy numbers and

study the threats that could undermine its per-sistence. It's no different with humans, except the problems we have created for ourselves — on a global scale — are even more complex.

Sometimes it seems that science is inadequate to address the myriad problems of pollution, global warming, population growth, biodiversity loss, changing ocean conditions, and so

Scientists don't always take a big-picture ap-proach. Applied science, for example, is often fo-cused on knowledge for a specific need or to solve a practical problem, such as the invention of a new technology. The science may delve into the mechanics of the technology

Sustainability science helps identify potential 'planetary boundaries' such as the world's available 'biocapacity' compared with humanity's collective 'ecological footprint.

with little regard for its soments in its encial implications. Basic or "pure" science, on the tirety: Our own survival! other hand, is aimed at A branch of science that has gaining an understanding of a phenomenon or emerged over process, sometimes without considerthe past decades is ating its practitempting to encal applica-tion. While both compass fundamental understanding areas both and are valuable practical applications with a fascinating goal: to society, neither alone at-To learn the degree to tempts to which humans are tackle that living in harmony with their environment greatest of and how they can continĥuman

ue to do so over the long term. Unlike many special-ized scientific fields that might interest only a few people, this one ought to interest everyone.

Industrial society has had an enormous impact on natural ecosystems, to the point that very little of nature remains untrammelled by the human footprint. Sustainability science helps identify potential "planetary boundaries" such as the world's avail-"biocapacity" pared with humanity's collective "ecological foot-print." In short, it helps us better understand the complex challenges we

This branch of science is gaining respect in academic circles worldwide, but it's such an important field that it should be part of science programs in all schools. In a world that is expected to reach a population of 10 billion, it's important for science to consider how we are to survive and live in harmony with the natural systems that we are a part of and, therefore, depend upon. It's a huge task that requires a broad vision. As more people - not just scientists begin to understand the science and the complexity of the problems, and to design lasting solutions, we will start to see a brighter, more sustainable future.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more www.david suzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Climate talks split over deforestation funds

A 160-nation UN climate conference in Ghana split on Friday over ways to pay poor countries to slow deforestation, blamed for producing up to 20 per cent of the greenhouse gases caused by human activi-

Options suggested for raising billions of dollars in incentives include markets that would allow trading in the carbon dioxide locked up in trees, higher aid from rich nations and levies on airline tickets or on international shipping.

"It's important that we get to grips with this," Yvo de Boer, head of the UN

"For many developing countries, avoiding deforestation is pretty much the only way they can engage in the climate change regime and reap some benefits."

Yvo de Boer, UN Climate Change Secretariat

Climate Change Secretariat, told Reuters during the Aug. 21-27 meeting of 1,500 delegates.

"For many developing countries, avoiding deforestation is pretty much the only way they can engage in the climate change regime and reap some benefits," he said of schemes meant to slow logging and

burning of forests to clear land for farming.

A UN climate conference in Bali last year agreed to explore ways to pay people in the developing world to leave forests standing trees soak up carbon dioxide as they grow and release it when they rot or are burned.

The Accra meeting is

working on details as part of a plan to agree to a sweeping new UN climate treaty by the end of 2009 to avert heat waves, droughts, more powerful storms, risks of more disease and rising sea levels.

"We think this is particularly relevant to Africa. We want this next climate regime to benefit Africa," said Brice Lalonde of France, speaking on behalf of the European Union. France holds the rotating EU presidency.

He said the EU was willing to consider extra aid or to work out new forms of carbon trading.

Flat-screen TV gases may be added to climate fight

WARMING New greenhouse gases emitted in making flat-screen televisions or some refrigerants might be capped under a planned UN treaty to combat global warming, delegates at UN talks in Ghana said on Friday.

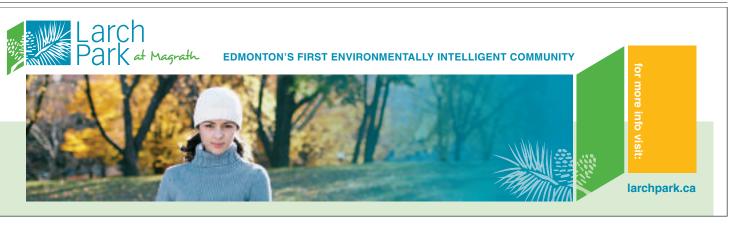
Emissions of the recently developed industrial gases, including ni-trogen trifluoride and fluorinated ethers, are estimated at just 0.3 per cent of emissions of conventional greenhouse gases by rich nations. But the emissions are surging.

"I think it's a good idea' to add new gases to a group of six already capped by the UN's Kyoto Protocol for slowing global warming, Yvo de Boer, head of the UN

Climate Change Secretariat, Reuters.

"It makes sense to address all gases that lead to change.'

climate REUTERS



The willingness and ability of Americans to enter the housing market could make the difference between a downturn and a recession, economists suggest. Falling home prices as well as stabilization of loan practises, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac would help, too. REUTERS

Business



Offshore drilling possible

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who reversed her outright opposition to offshore drilling last month, said that while the practice won't solve rising oil prices, it could be included in an energy bill if advocates can prove it's a good alternative. REUTERS

Income trust conversions risky

Two cases in the last week show investors should be wary as Canadian income trusts convert themselves into corporations before tax breaks end in 2011.

The federally mandated deadline is forcing firms to choose what kind of compa-

ny they will be and what sort of "You'll see gains or losses investors can expect to see as a re- pay some form sult of those of a dividend... choices.

Structures will The question emerge through will be for how time, said Tristone Capital energy trust analyst **high"**Cristina Lopez.
Lopez expects Cristina Lopez

that most trusts

will wait until the last moment to switch to conserve tax pools used to shield taxable income.

"You'll see (them) all try to pay some form of a dividend The question will be for how long and how high it will be," she said.

Two companies recently

converted to different market reactions - highlighting the risks and rewards of dif-

ferent strategies. Bonterra Energy Trust, a small oil and gas producer, will buy a struggling former telecom company, using the listing to do a reverse

takeover of its trust units. This will allow investors to avoid a tax hit on capital gains while keeping a 32 cent monthly payout.

Waste management firm BFI Canada Income Fund said it will become a dividend-paying, growth-focused

corporation. BFI plans to cut back 15.15 cent monthly payouts to 12.5 cent quarterly dividends.

In Toronto Friday, Bonterra units climbed 13 per cent to close at \$36.50, while BFI's payout-slashing plan had a predictable result. Shares fell 14 per cent to \$19.08. REUTERS

Business in brief

BANK CLOSURE Bank regulators closed Topeka, Kan. Columbian Bank and Trust Company Friday, the ninth U.S.

bank to fail this year. Missouri-based Citizens Bank and Trust has agreed to assume the failed bank's insured deposits — \$752 million U.S. in assets and \$622 million U.S. in deposits.

U.S. ECONOMY Top International Monetary Fund official John Lipsky said Friday that U.S. growth has been better than expected at a 1.9 per cent annualized pace, but the economy could still shrink in the second half of 2008. Still, he carefully avoided using the word 'recession.'

MERGER Calgary-based Precision Drilling Trust has agreed to buy Houston-based drilling company Grey Wolf Inc. for about \$2-billion U.S. in cash and stock, a source close to the deal said. REUTERS



Broader institutional finance regulation needed: Bernanke

JACKSON HOLE Amid market turmoil, U.S. Federal Re-Chairman Ben Bernanke suggested broader, cross-institutional supervision would more accurately gauge the health of the U.S. financial system, but one peer said it may be difficult to exe-

"Systemwide or macroprudential oversight would broaden the mandate of regulators and supervisors to encompass

consideration of potential systemic risks and weak-



nesses," he said Friday. A comprehensive approach could address concentrations

certain types of assets or practices, such as

underwriting unusual types of mortgages.

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Singh claims Barclays Classic in a playoff

Vijay Singh of Fiji won the Barclays Classic yesterday on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff against Spain's Sergio Garcia and American Kevin Sutherland at Ridgewood Country Club. Canadian Mike Weir finished in a tie for seventh, two shots back. REUTERS

Sports



Giants' Umenyiora out for season

New York Giants defensive end Osi Umenyiora, left, will miss the entire 2008 season after injuring his left knee in Saturday's 10-7 preseason loss to the New Saturday's setback, and an MRI on Sunday revealed a torn lateral meniscus. Opting against short-term rehab, New York decided to plan for the long-term and the pass-rusher will undergo surgery tomorrow.

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Hopefully Harris is no flash in the pan



Did A.J. Harris provide a glimpse of things to come with his 189-yard rushing performance in the Edmonton Eskimos 27-10 win over Saskatchewan

Roughriders at Commonwealth Stadium Thursday, or was that a flash in the pan?

Historically speaking, it's tough to tell. With his 21carry romp, Harris joined some select company. His 189 yards ties him for the fifth-highest single-game total in team history, but the names he's hanging with are a mixed bag.

Sean Millington, of all people, holds Edmonton's single-game record with 225 yards, set against Saskatchewan Oct. 30, 1999. Millington was a good back, not a great one. He never rushed for 1,000 yards in a season with the Esks, enjoying most of his success with the B.C. Lions.

Ron McClendon is second with 198 yards (against Montreal on Oct. 21, 2006). He played just two games that season. McClendon's most productive season was 2005 when he had 346 yards in nine games.

Hall-of-famer Normie Kwong, third with 192 yards (against Calgary on Oct. 29, 1955), is the class of this group with four 1,000vard seasons, Iim Thomas, a one-time 1,000-yard rusher with Edmonton, is fourth 191 yards (against Winnipeg on Sept. 11, 1965).



Edmonton Eskimos running back A.J. Harris, left, ran for 189 vards against the Saskatchewan Roughriders on Thursday, which puts him in a tie for the fifth-highest single-game total in team history.

Harris, a 24-year-old rookie, occupies fifth-place with Troy Davis, who got his 189 yards against Toronto on Oct. 9, 2006. Another very good back, not a great one.

It's interesting to note the absence of Edmonton greats like Jim Germany and Johnny Bright from the top-five.

WHILE I'M AT IT — In the rush-to-judgment department, it doesn't get more frantic than the overblown CBC item out of Vancouver last week that Oilers' captain Ethan Moreau was involved in a hit-and-run accident during a night of drinking with buddies.

After a couple of days in which some fans were questioning whether Moreau should be stripped of the captaincy for being involved in such an incident - the item generated 317 posts on the popular Hockey's Future website — the facts came out.

It turns out Moreau's party of five consumed the equivalent of two drinks each in about an hour. When leaving the restaurant, the vehicle Moreau

was a passenger in bumped into a parked motorcycle, knocking it over and causing minor damage.

Apparently unaware he'd bumped into anything, the driver returned when informed what happened and offered to make restitution to the owner of the motorcycle — a bartender in the same joint and the source in the initial report. In the end, no charges of any kind were laid End of non-story

I'm guessing Moreau will keep the "C."

• The tough guys the Oilers have invited to camp -Sean McMorrow, Hans Benson and Adam Huxley, who attended last season for depth, not an NHL roster spot.

These guys can't hang with the big boys in a loaded Western Conference that includes Derek Boogaard. Darcy Hordichuk, Brian McGrattan, Raitis Ivanans, Andre Roy and Scott Parker.

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Sports in brief

NFL Atlanta Falcons rookie quarterback Matt Rvan will be the team's starter for its opening game. According to a report on the Falcons' website, Rvan will get the nod against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 7.

NFL Washington Redskins defensive end Jason Taylor is expected to be sidelined 10-to14 days with a sprained right knee suffered in Saturday's preseason game.

NFL The Arizona Cardinals are expected to name Kurt Warner as the team's starting quarterback, a team source said yesterday. Matt Leinart's poor performance Saturday night against the Oakland Raiders

probably sealed the decision.

MOTOR SPORTS Ferrari's Fe lipe Massa revived his title challenge yesterday with a convincing victory in the European Grand Prix at Formula One's newest street circuit in Valencia, Spain. Lewis Hamilton finished in second place.

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Kenya's Samuel Wanjiru won the Olympic gold medal in the men's marathon yesterday at the Beijing Games. REUTERS



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Olympics as memorable as ABCs

From Canadian glory to Chinese domination, Beijing Games one to remember



Other than a few odd scandals that don't even rank with the political and doping disgraces of yesteryear, the Beijing Olympics were compelling, devoid of debacles and laden with memorable developments.

A look back alphabetical-

A for Adam van Koeverden, a Canadian icon heavily favoured for gold medals in kayaking. He finished an unfathomable eighth in the 1,000-metres event, although a silver in the 500 gave him some redemption.

B for beach volleyball, women's. It's wonderful.

C for China, which distinguished itself as a firstrate host and also won 51 gold medals, 15 more than any other country.

Ď for Despatie, as in Alexandre, a Canadian diver who grabbed silver despite fracturing a foot and missing months of train-

ing.
E for 18, the number of medals for Canada, tying its third-best performance.



F for fiascos — two in Canadian taekwondo. medal hopeful Ivett Gondo protested her loss (unsuccessfully) because of what she considered unfair judging and Cuban Angel Matos kicked a judge in the face after he was disqualified.

G for gold medals. Canadians captured three wrestler Carol Huynh, equestrian's Eric Lamaze and the men's eight rowing team.

H for Hickstead, the horse who carried Lamaze to gold, giving the 40-yearold Ontarian sweet re-demption after a cocainecheckered past.

I for Ian Millar, who, at 61, won his first medal by leading Canada to silver in team-jumping equestrian.

J for judges, who've outlived their usefulness in

the Olympics. K for Karen Cockburn, who garnered silver for Canada on the trampoline and carried the Canadian flag in the closing ceremonies.

L for Luan, as in Jujie, a legendary Chinese fencer who, at 50, represented Canada in her homeland.

M for money. Canadian athletes need more.



Canadian athletes had plenty to celebrate at yesterday's closing ceremonies after collecting 18 total medals at the Beijing Games eclipsing the 12 they won four years ago in Athens.

N for Nattrass, as in Susan, a legendary Canadian shooter who sadly strug-gled and, at 57, will retire. O for Olympics. Are they

clean again?

P for Phelps, as in Michael, the U.S. swimmer who won eight golds. These were his Games.

Q for question marks,

which surround the ages of some of those cherub-faced Chinese gymnasts.

R for rowing, which Canada rules. S for silver medals. Cana-

da took nine.

T for terrible, as in the IOC's decision to dump women's softball.

U for Usain Bolt of Ja-

maica, history's greatest sprinter. Flashiest, too.

V for Vancouver, which will have a tough time matching Beijing's excellence in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Good luck.

W for world records -

43 in Beijing. X for Xingfang Xie, a Chinese medallist. (Hey, it works.)

Y for Yes, I love women's beach volleyball!

Z for Zimbabwe swimmer Kirsty Coventry, winner of all four Zimbabwean medals.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Final **medal count**

3 5 2

Norway

New Zealand 3 1 5

Romania 4 1 3

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'Redeem Team' completes mission

BASKETBALL The highly favoured United States team won Olympic men's basketball gold by

outgunning Spain 118-107 in an epic final of hard fouls and flying elbows yesterday. The American

players whooped with joy at the final buzzer before form- James ing a huddle and

dancing around the centre circle as chants of "USA, USA" erupted from the crowd of 18,000.

"USA is back on top again," LeBron James said. "Respect to Spain. They were unbelievable. We had a game plan and they countered with incredible plays.

"The game was never over. watching the game all over again in my head. It will go down in history as one of the greatest."

Argentina, champions at the 2004 Athens Olympics,

took bronze by outmuscling Lithuania in a 87-75 victory earlier on the final day of the Games.

The Americans, relegated to bronze in Athens four years ago, have now won 13 Olympic men's basketball titles.







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Three-quarters of female Carleton students feel safe

Almost three-quarters of female undergraduate students at Carleton University feel safe on campus, according to a university-sanctioned survey. The survey was conducted following the sexual assault of a female student on campus last September. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Leading the way

Canada is leading the way in campus connectivity, according to PC World Canada. The publication cited the University of British Columbia's \$30-million wired and wireless networking environment and the University of Toronto for its wireless infrastructure. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

It takes two (sisters) to tango

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When opening a dance studio, it pays to know how to take the right

Jane Scallon, 30, and her sister Anne Stevens, 28, are the co-owners of iDance studio opening Sept. 8 in Vancouver right across from the future Olympic Village. The two sisters are putting their personal savings as well as an early in-heritance from their mother on the line to open the studio that will specialize in drop-in customers who just want a chance to take a quick dance class whenever is most convenient for them.

Scallon and Stevens have both loved dance since they were young but decided to pursue other careers once life got in the way. Stevens worked previously in pharmaceutical sales while Scallon worked as a legal secretary, so both have some business know-how to go along with their passions for dance. Starting iDance seemed like a natural next step for them.

'Dance was always a passion for both of us so to reintroduce it into our lives seemed like a really good fit for us. It also fills a void that we felt existed in the market," Scallon said.

While a majority of dance studios charge high upfront tuition fees and most drop-in studios cater only to the most professional level of dancers, iDance hopes to turn the business model on its head and make convenient dance classes available to dancers of any skill level. The emphasis is on amateur intermediate-level dancers who just want to have fun dancing while getting fit.

'It's low commitment – it's designed to be fun and fitness oriented and very non-intimidating. Our idea is to have it offered to adults as a fun alternative to the gym," Scallon said.

The studio will open offering a variety of contem-

"It's designed to be fun and fitness oriented and very non-intimidating."

Jane Scallon

porary styles like hip hop and jazz but the sisters hope to eventually have every dance style represented in classes as the studio grows in popularity. So far, the duo has hired eight fulltime instructors to get things rolling.
Before committing to the

studio, Scallon and Stevens did a few trial runs by renting studio space and run-ning several drop-in classes of their own. The response was positive.

Still, starting their own business has been a lot more work than either ex-

"At every level it's been a new set of challenges. We've had to become very flexible and keep an open mind to all options, to look at things in the long term,' Stevens said



Anne Stevens, left, and Jane Scallon have opened a dance studio as an alternative to the gym.

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One very sweaty acting



he first time An-

drew Tite donned a costume. mascot he climbed into the contraption wires and fabric wearing shorts and a T-shirt. "Aren't you going to take your clothes off first?" he was asked. Tite laughed.

A few hours later, he felt like someone had poured a bottle of liquid over him, he was so sweaty.

That was May 2007, and ever since Tite strips down to his underwear before transforming into a mascot.

The 27-year-old Vancouver resident is foremost an actor. He went briefly to George Brown College in Toronto for theatre, but dropped out he was so busy doing television, film and

About a year and a half

ago, while still living in tures; no talking; only get Toronto, he found an ad for changed in a room with a Acme Mas-

cots Craigslist. He called soon out for that first which

street and act- Andrew Tite ed like an idand hammed it up for the cam-

Peters. Tite was not only steaming inside the Victor costume, but he could only see out of the character's mouth. Miraculously, he

eras beside comic Russell

anything.

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didn't fall over or crash into He followed the written instructions from Acme:

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went they'd act, I'm really job, good with kids natwas urally, I'm a bit of a playing the green mon-ster Victor, like any role. I take the Just for it seriously whether Laughs mascot, at an outdoor press \$1000 or I'm getting onference. conference.
Tite "danced paid nothing. I try around the to give it my all."

game summer, but mainly spent time at the airport amusing kids while they waited in lineups, first in Toronto and then Vancouver when he moved there last winter.

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Tite

iester-like character for

He got in the habit of guzzling an energy drink be-fore work to keep lively during late-night shifts.

"I try to think of cartoons and how they'd act," he says. "I'm really good with

The **Lowdown**

Job title: Mascot performer Salary: \$17/hour Education/training: Anyone can do it, but it helps to be an actor to really do a good job

Best Part of the Job: "The kids that love you and blow you kisses and laugh with you, they make you feel really good."

Worst Part of the Job: "The heat. It's like wearing a sauna for hours and hours."

kids naturally, I'm a bit of a kid at heart." He'd hose his costume down Febreeze between clean-

Some kids get excited when they see him and throw their arms around him. But little ones sometimes burst out crying and older boys often consider themselves too cool for such things and ignore him. Thankfully though, he's never been hit.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Jerks don't prosper in the workplace: Study



Believe it or not, your boss probably does appreciate you more than the boastful, irritating jerk in the next cubicle.

In a new study conducted by temporary staffing agency Accountemps, 45 per cent of executives surveved said interpersonal skills were the most important communication skill for financial professionals, beating out negotiating skills (26 per cent), public speaking skills (17 per cent) and writing skills (5 per

Trent Arendse, a branch manager at Accountemps. says the results of the study shed light on the general importance of interpersonal skills in all segments of the workplace, given that the financial industry is notoriously perceived as being driven far more by numbers and results than



Interpersonal skills ranked highest in importance for financial professionals in a recent survey.

by people skills. "Interpersonal skills mean being able to interact with people effectively while also being able to be liked by them," Arendse said.

People who scream at coworkers when mistakes get made, stab office mates in the back or behave anti-socially generally have a harder time gaining allies or getting promoted, simply because people don't like them as much.

Even though business can't always be rosy, Arendse says delivering your message in a personable way can often achieve the same bottom-line results without alienating or offending the people around you.

Still, Arendse warns that a pleasant wit and a million-dollar smile aren't enough to help you get hired or promoted if you are not good at your job, but it can make you stand

"If your skill set is weak but you have great interpersonal skills, you still might not be a great hire. It does help you differentiate yourself from the rest though," Arendse said.

While people can take courses to polish up their interpersonal and human networking skills, Arendse believes that people lack-ing such skills completely or with a warped sense of them can't really change their ways — sad news to those people suffering in the vicinity of an irreparable jerk at work.

'You can't fake it — your body language just won't read like you're speaking and people will notice it. You have to want to see other people's point of view and it needs to be a passion of yours, some-thing you actually enjoy. I think it can be taught but the person needs to have some of that in them already," he said.

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The Avril show goes on in Malaysia

Avril Lavigne has been given permission to perform in Malaysia on Friday after all, despite being deemed too sexy by the government there last week. NME.COM

Entertainment

Sticky & Sweet

Madonna defies age, kicks off world tour

Queen of pop Madonna entered the stage on a throne as she kicked off her world tour, Sticky & Sweet, and defied her age with athletic dance routines before tens of thousands of screaming fans.

The U.S. singer, who turned 50 a week ago, opened her tour Saturday at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales, with Candy Shop. She wore a black leotard-style outfit designed by fashion house Givenchy and black, kneelength boots.

For her second number, Beat Goes On, Madonna drove along the stage catwalk in a white car from which she emerged wearing a white top hat.

Ū.S. rappers Pharrell Williams and Kanye West, who featured on Madonna's latest chart-topping album Hard Candy, appeared in video clips, as did Britney Spears.

Madonna will be hoping

to shatter her own record for the highest-grossing tour ever by a female artist and prove that the musical master of reinvention still has what it takes to pull in crowds young and old.



Madonna performs in Cardiff, Wales, on Saturday night

"It was so charismatic," said Paul, from the Welsh city of Newport, after the show. "I don't believe she's 50 She's more like 30'

"I think she's amazing," added Morgan, a young girl from Cardiff. "I want to be

that way when I turn 50.'

During the show Madonna played around 20 songs which spanned a career of nearly three decades, including Like A Prayer, Into The Groove and Hung Up.

Satisfying account of guilt and love

Falling Under

Author: Danielle Younge-Ullman

Publisher: Plume Pages: 356 (paperback)

Younge-Ullman's debut novel follows Mara Foster. an artist who spends her days putting paintbrush



to canvas only to crank out geometric patterns best suited to Ikea kitchens. The product of a volatile marriage and forced to grow up fast, Mara barricades herself in her Toronto home, only venturing out when coaxed by her adventurous best friend. But when a

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chance meeting brings newfound stability to her life, Mara may have to stop hiding from what has hurt her, a realization explored in the novel's intriguing final chapters. While the story is occasionally weighed down by melodramatic plot twists, Falling Under is an otherwise satisfying account of coping with guilt and understanding love.

Ashlev Petkovski/for Metro Canada

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box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studio estimates:

- **Tropic Thunder:**
- \$16.1 million US
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- \$12.3 million The Dark Knight:
- \$10.3 million Star Wars: The Clone
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- Pineapple Express:
- \$5.6 million
- Mirrors:
- \$4.9 million
- The Longshots: \$4.3 million
- Mamma Mia!: \$4.3 million
- The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor: \$4.1 million



Actors on TV, not in front of it | Cage down for Kick-Ass

UNWATCHED: Frazier Moore the syndicated TV columnist for the Associated Press, and he recently felt moved to wonder why so few of the actors he's interviewed over the years would admit to actually spending time with the medium that employed them. Moore admitted up front that he had no statistical basis for what he confessed is based on nothing more than a hunch.

"Let me stress the notat-all-scientific nature of this poll," Moore wrote, in a piece published last week in the New York Times. "Among the scads of TV stars I've talked to, I never made a point of grilling them on their TV consumption. I don't recall how often it came

"But over time I started to realize (and marvel) that, out of everyone who did address the issue with me, fewer than a dozen of them copped to being TV

"The rest: Well, they don't shun just the programs they appear in. **IntelleVision**



They don't watch TV, period. Or so they claim.

Most of them, Moore recalls, made the usual excuses — too busy, no time, crazy hours — that we make to friends and family we don't want to spend time with. Occasionally, they'd make exceptions for the acceptable benchmark of current TV tastefulness (The Office, The Sopranos) or a guilty but redeemable pleasure (Project Runway, The Amazing Race.)

Many, who employ assistants and live in houses with state-of-the-art theatre systems, seem never to have heard of TiVo. Still, Moore says the impression he's gotten from his celebrity subjects is that "watching TV is akin to slumming; offputtingly exotic; or, unaccountably,

none of their business

When I tell people that I write a TV column, they either tell me that it must be nice to watch TV all day and get paid for it (I don't, and it isn't) or wonder where I get the time to watch all those shows.

The short answer to the latter is that I don't; in fact, I try to watch as little TV as possible, but while I'm a long way from being the 8-year-old TV junkie whose mother thought she needed therapist to separate him from his apparent "addiction," I still watch a fair amount of the stuff; I just don't make a point of seeing every episode of Two And A Half Men or Lost, and don't imagine that I'm obliged to in order to do this job.

Moore could only name three adamant exceptions to the low-key celebrity boycott of the small screen — Office creator Ricky Gervais, Seth Green of Buffy and Robot Chicken fame, and Mad Men star Jon Hamm, who described his relationship to television in terms al-



"I've loved television since I was old enough to reach the dial," Mad Men star Jon Hamm said in describing his relationship to

most identical to my own: "I've loved television since I was old enough to reach the dial," Hamm told Moore. "Television is meaningful to me. It's frustrating and fascinating, all at the same time."

What Moore doesn't seem to remember is that his survey is focused entirely on actors, a trade

whose principal skill set involves comprehensive lying, and that there's every likelihood that he has not, in most instances when he's bothered to ask, gotten a truthful answer.

> Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television but not opera.

adaptation

MOVIES Nicolas Cage, British actor Aaron John-

son and Lyndsv Fonseca (How I Met Your Mother) will star in Kick-Ass, Matthew Vaughn's adaptation of the violent



Mark Millar comic-book series. The story centres on a high school dweeb who decides to become a superhero RELITERS

Serb town erects **Marley statue**

TRIBUTE A Serbian village unveiled what it said was Europe's first statue to the late Jamaican reggae star Bob Marley on Saturday, to promote tolerance in a region still recovering from war. Two Balkan musicians, one from Croatia and one from Serbia. unveiled the monument in the village of Banatski Sokolac at midnight during a gathering of rock REUTERS

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CSI: Crime Scene

There's no business like show business, especially in Vegas, and the CSIs are up to their ears in it, investigating the deaths of an ex-rocker (Danny Bonaduce) and a Cirque du So-leil dancer. Singer John Mayer also shows up, playing himself and performing in a nightclub for Nick and Catherine (George Eads, Marg Helgenberger), who soon finds her own life in dan-ger. 7 PM on SPIKE



J.S. Open Tennis

A change of the guard at the top of men's tennis is the story as the U.S. Open begins in Flush-ing Meadows, N.Y. Rafael Nadal is the new world No. 1, recently overtaking Roger Federer, who had held that spot since February 2004. 9 AM on TSN

Dirty Jobs Host Mike Rowe sinks his teeth into the world of special effects makeup artists. Working in an FX room doesn't sound all that Decoding-Past dirty, but just think of all the latex and fake blood it takes to make a zombie look "realistic." 8 PM

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Gwen Stefani and her rocker husband Gavin Rossdale welcomed their second child, a son, on Thursday in Los Angeles. Zuma Nesta Rock Rossdale weighed in at 8.5 pounds. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Green, Ryder may be an item

COUPLES Winona Ryder is reportedly dating comedian Tom Green, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who is said to have split from Rilo Kiley rocker Blake Sennett just a few weeks ago, was seen cuddling Tom in Hollywood's Crown Bar last week. Friends claim Ryder is already smitten with the the pair hit it off. "Winona didn't waste any time," a source said.

Green was previously married to Drew Barrymore, while Ryder has dated a string of actors, including Johnny Depp, Christian Slater, David Duchovny, and rocker Dave Grohl.

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More trouble for Mills

PEOPLE Sir Paul McCartney's ex-wife Heather Mills is facing legal action from a local council in England — over her failure to remove a large marquee from her garden, imdb.com reports.

The former model is believed to have erected the tent at her \$6.4 million US home in East Sussex, England, for her 40th birthday party in

lanuary. But the structure has

remained in place ever since, prompting local residents to lodge objections with government officials. The district council ruled

in favour of her neighbours and signed an enforcement order in Mav in a bid to force Mills to take down the marquee, but the tent has yet to be removed. And now officials have set Mills a deadline to get rid of it - or they will take her to court

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Rihanna sacks manager PEOPLE Rihanna reportedly cians and multi-million dollar corporations.

fired her business manager after discovering she only has \$20,000 US left in her bank account, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

. Patricia Williams claims she was re-cently "let go" after Rihanna accused her of stealing after discovering her pop fortune has all but disappeared. Williams

said: "It's not my fault that she only has \$20,000 to her name. I have worked for many high-profile actors, musi-

"Why would I steal from Řihanna?

"I showed her all the paperwork and tried to explain to her the circumstances but she

wouldn't listen. She called me all sorts of horrible names and stormed off."

Williams claims the 20-year-old singer's record label Def Jam and her manager Marc Jordan are to blame for her financial prob-METRO

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Knightley defends new pic

CONTROVERSY Keira Knightley has defended her new movie The Duchess after images of the late Princess Diana were included in the trailer, imdb.com reports. In the movie, Knightley plays Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, a distant relation of Diana. The promo for The Duchess sparked outrage by showing pictures of the late Princess and emphasizing the link between the lead character and her modern-day descen-Says dant.

The is not

Knightley, am Georgiana. am not Diana. film about Diana." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Fitness key to joy, Smith savs

PEOPLE Will Smith thinks being physically fit is the key to happiness, female-first.co.uk reports.

"I feel like everything in my life depends on physical conditioning. I love eating sweets and everything. but I think the quality of my parenting, the quality of my relationship with my wife — it is all based on being on great physical condition."

Meanwhile, Smith is set to star in a prequel to I Am Legend. METRO NEWS



"This makes no sense at all..."

Son for Stefani, Rossdale

by Joe O'Neill

o Matthew Mc-**Conaughey** says there will be no nanny for new son Levi, and that he wants to raise his child without any outside help. This makes me seriously consider looking up the phone number for child services in Texas.

There's already been word that McConaughey took the infant to a John **Mellencamp** concert. I guess he wants Levi's first words to be something along the lines of "This blows!

Anyway, I'm hoping McConaughey will re-consider his rejection of outside help and read the following short list of fathering tips, which I've thoughtfully ren-

dered in McConaughese:
"Dude! It's totally cool that he has no teeth for the first little while. You don't have to take him to a baby dentist.

Compadre, I know how much you want to help, but please don't try to breastfeed the kid, it's just going to be frus-trating for both of you.

Brother man, I know how much you want him to be just like dad-dy, but the decision to go shirtless in inappropriate places is one he should make for himself when he's older, plus they make a lot of really rad shirts for little dudes to wear. And one last thing, broseph: Don't let **Owen Wilson** get confused and smoke the stuff Levi leaves in his diaper.'

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Hewitt nuptials on hold PEOPLE Jennifer Love Hewitt

has reportedly delayed her wedding, femalefirst.co.uk

reports. It has been claimed the actress and her fiancé Ross McCall decided to postpone the nuptials following a rocky patch caused by the amount of time they have spent

apart. "Things aren't great be-tween them. It's hard because he's filming in New Mexico and she's in Los Angeles," a friend of Love Hewitt said.

relationship is strained and their wedding won't happen anytime soon." The couple got engaged in November.

Love Hewitt ruled out a summer wedding saying she didn't want to be "a sweaty bride," and revealed she was looking forward to a "small, private, ro-mantic and wonderful" ceremony.

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celebrity brief No nanny for McConaughey's boy

PARENTING Matthew Mc-Conaughey is reportedly refusing to hire a nanny for his newborn son Levi, imdb.com reports.

The actor, who wel-comed his first child with Camila Alves last month, is said to be determined to raise his son without outside help.

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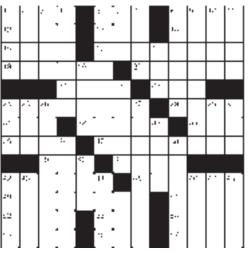
Daddy's little girl

My Name Is Earl star Jason Lee and his girlfriend, Ceren Alkac, are the parents of a girl. The baby was born Aug. 10, a rep for Lee says. No other details were announced. PEOPLE.COM



Take Five

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Crossword down

- 1 Grand story
- 2 Lotion additive 3 R.I. neighbour
- 4 Mint often used as an herb
- 5 Re Plato's teacher
- 6 Commotion 7 Showroom sample
- 8 Jinx
- 9 Wealth
- 10 Poison
- 11 Automaker Ransom Eli
- 17 Legume holder 19 Piece of work
- 22 Biblical king
- 24 Scoundrel
- 25 Sapporo sash

- 26 Messieurs' counterparts
- 27 String around your fin-
- 29 Barracks bed
- 30 Ram's mate
- 33 Agile

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- 36 Rug
- 38 Slot-machine fruits
- 40 Mai (cocktail) 42 Con job
- 43 Pop flavour
- 44 Mediocre
- 46 Whodunit blueprint
- 47 Apiary structure
- 48 Daytime drama
- 50 Prior night

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Crossword across

- 1 Apiece
- 5 Despondent
- 8 Vagrant
- 12 Sly tactic 13 Praise in verse
- 14 October birthstone
- 15 Charged particles
- 16 Walled-in group of
- lay, e.g.
- buildings 18 Use a seven-second de-
- 20 Scads
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- 39 Opposite of "dis"
- 41 Tragic
- 42 Beetle talisman
- 45 Mythical maidens
- 49 Collected into a volume
- 51 Hodgepodge
- 52 Sheltered 53 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 54 PBS science show
- 55 Sail support
- 56 That woman
- 57 Dance lesson

previous day's answer



This day in history

AUG. 25, 1609: Galileo Galilei demonstrates his first telescope to

AUG. 25, 1814: Washington, D.C. is burned and White House is destroyed by British forces during the War of 1812.

AUG. 25, 1894: Shibasaburo Kitasato discovers the infectious agent of the bubonic plague and publishes his findings in The Lancet. AUG. 25, 1945: Ten days after World War II ended with Japan announcing its surrender, armed supporters of the Communist Party of China killed Baptist missionary John Birch, regarded by a portion of the American right as the first victim of the Cold War. AUG. 25, 1950: President Harry Truman orders the U.S. Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

previous day's answer

2	7	6	8	9	3	1	4	5
3	5	8	4	1	2	7	9	6
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8	2	3	7	5	9	4	6	1
7	1	9	6	8	4	5	3	2

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Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
An ally seems to have evil intentions. Treatment for a painful injury will delay plans. A peculiar object is a conversation piece.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A tempest will dissolve with minor damage. A problem with power will be repaired. Be discrete when making arrange-

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Try to stay out of difficult situa-

tions. Insincerity reveals a hidden agenda. Someone will be in trouble for a loss of creativi-

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Big money can be made at an unexpected event. An attractive person will be helpful. An agreement is reached at the end of the day.

JULY 23-AUG 23
Be prepared to stand your ground. A friend's affectionate remark will give you joy. Con-

cealing a discovery will guide you to freedom.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

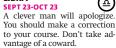
A man is becoming uncomfortably demanding. Your kindness will benefit a humble person. A marital conflict will affect your goals.

17-21.....Smart

21-25..... Not bad

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LIBRA



SCORPIO

OCT 24- NOV 22

Anticipate an unpredictable event involving a leader. The wrong person offers a strange opportunity. Relax tonight to avoid illness

SAGITTARIUS



NOV 23- DEC 21
Think hard before putting stock in a visionary. A trickster will make a scary remark. Don't complain if you're dissat-

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Do not let dreadful things get the better of you. A man will be more helpful. An arrival will create an angry debate.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't try to do too much at once. Somebody's hypocrisy during a crisis is shocking. A conflict between lovers will end well.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Don't try to force a compromise about co-operation. Enthusiastic actions will backfire. It's time to cast off your anxietv.

Sudoku

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Wednesday



18°/8°

Thursday



Variable. 19°/9°



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